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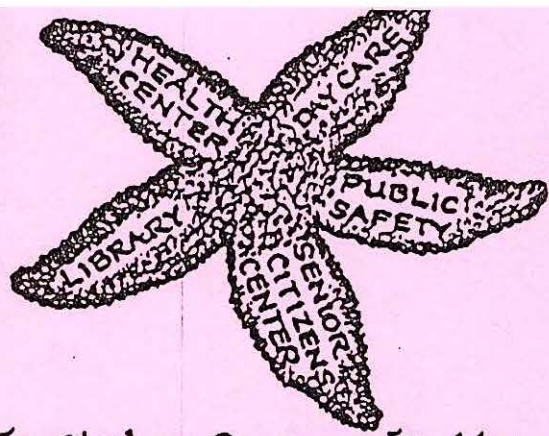
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

June 2006

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Peaks Island School

We have all had a wonderful year at Peaks Island School and would like to thank the entire island community for your tremendous support. Celebrations of learning and friendships continue throughout our last days of school. Many events are in collaboration with islanders who have been so generous with their time and resources. On Tuesday we had our annual spring show at the school with the primary students performing their play "Adventures at the Sandy Beach Tide Pools." Under the direction of music teacher Sukie Rice, our intermediate students performed the play "Down the River and Up the Creek with Lewis and Clark." On June 1st our entire school sets sail for Cliff Island to explore tide pools with our Cliff Island School friends, picnic, build sand castles, and view student PowerPoint presentations on tide pools. Island Institute fellow Sarah Hennessey will join us for GPS mapping, temperature readings, depth measurements, and more! Thanks to the Mulkern and Plante families, the Coast Guard will visit the island on the morning of June 5th to give tours on their boat to our K-5 students. Our annual field day with gym teacher Chris Bearce will take place during the morning of June 6th. Under the direction of islander George Rosol, the 5th graders will perform the play "The Voyage of the Good Ship Leekee" on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

As many of you know, Roberta Deane, a beloved and long-time Peaks Island teacher, is retiring this June after 33 years of service to our school. Over the years, Roberta has been a substitute teacher, ed tech, tutor, and, since 1991, a full-time teacher with us. The dedication, creativity, and expertise that Roberta has brought to our school has been lasting and enduring. To this day, she receives letters from former students who share the impact she's had on their lives. **We will honor Roberta at The Inn on Peaks on June 5th. Community members are invited to join us at 7:00 p.m. for a potluck dessert to pay tribute to this wonderful teacher who has touched the lives of so many.**

We also will honor Roberta, along with our **seven graduating 5th graders, Victoria Blanchard, Dainius Bukauskus, Hannah Carlson, Sam Cassis, Camille Hanley, Olwyn Moxhay, and Michael Proia, at 10:00 a.m. on the last day of school, June 12th in the school gym.** We're delighted that Maine's First Lady, Karen Baldacci, is scheduled to attend to thank students for their great fundraising efforts for her pet cause, Heifer International's Read-to-Feed program. **ALL ISLANDERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION!**

Kelly Hasson, Principal

Holy Trinity Episcopal Chapel

8 AM weekly Holy Communion Services will resume Sunday, July 2nd, at the Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend these services on Sundays in July and August.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9 Church St., Peaks Island, Maine 207-766-5013 The Rev. Casey Collins

brackettmumc@yahoo.com

"The white church at the top of the hill."

Worship with us at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. We are a community church open to all.

Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Brackett will be hosting a concert of Greely High School's Madrigal Singers with Jan Thomas leading. The young men and women are talented and delightful. Free and open to all of the Peaks Island community.

Tuesday morning, June 6 at 9:30 a.m. Liz Rollins will be bringing her school's chorus and band to Brackett. Come join the fun!

The Soiree is Friday, **June 9 at 7:30 p.m.**; an open mike night to entertain or be entertained with songs, stories, poems and other talents. Share with your neighbors or just show up and enjoy the fun! Free with light refreshments served.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS WILL BE ON SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 11 FROM 7-8 P.M.

A GROUP OF ISLANDERS SHARING DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL PATHS. ALL WELCOME.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN WHEN ELLIE SPRINGER WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT REINCARNATION.

SUGGESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED READING: GINA CERIMINARA'S 1950 BOOK, MANY MANSIONS, THE EDGAR CAYCE STORY ON REINCARNATION. GUEST PRESENTER EACH MONTH.

Other Dates: Tag Sale June 16 and 17. Please call before dropping things off for it. **Peaks Fest Craft Show and Sale June 24** -to rent a table please call the church office. **Summer Fair July 22**

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue

Father Fred Morse, Pastor

766-2585

Sunday Mass

10 AM Winter Schedule for June 4 and 11.

8:15 AM and 10 AM Summer Schedule for June 18 and 25.

Please join us for Mass and afterwards for refreshments and fellowship.

Daily Mass - Wednesdays at 6 PM

Sacraments

Baptism, Rite of Reconciliation and Marriage: Call/ask Father Fred after Mass.

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Peaks Island Baptist Church

Our Schedule	<u>Sunday 10 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM</u> <u>Wednesday 7 PM</u>
Our phone number	<u>766-3037</u>
Our address	<u>235 Pleasant Ave. Peaks island, Me 04108</u>
Our Commission	<u>Teach & Preach the Gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ</u>

PeaksFest 2006

This year's big celebration of "all things Peaks" is coming **June 23rd, 24th and 25th**. You won't want to miss the 5th Annual PeaksFest. With a full schedule of over 40 events, PeaksFest 2006 promises to be another fun celebration of our people, heritage, environment, businesses, creativity, spirit, and loveable eccentricities. Some old favorites will be back—the pie-eating and pie-baking contests, Common Hound Fair dog show, crazy parade, kids' activities, special Island tours, nature walks, barbecues, and musical performances. And we've planned some new events for this year's "love affair" with Peaks Island.

PeaksFest is being organized again by a bunch of folks who love Peaks Island and just thought this could be a fun way to do something positive for our community. As in past years we've formed a sort of ad-hoc committee of creative, passionate people and enormous goodwill. It's a real community-based effort and we welcome more participation. So, please join us in making this another successful weekend that truly celebrates the diversity and wonders of our community. Our last couple of meetings will be Tuesday, June 6th and 20th at 6:30 at the Inn.

If you'd like to be on our email list for meeting reminders and other notes, please drop a note to david@peaksisland.com. We'd also love to hear from you if you have ideas and suggestions. You can check our website www.peaksfest.com for announcements and to see pictures from past years. And watch for this year's always-popular PeaksFest t-shirt being designed once again by Island artist Marty Braun. Get ready for PeaksFest and another great summer!

Community Yard Sale to Benefit PITA

It's time for spring cleaning! Do you have items to sell?

As part of PeaksFest, there will be a yard sale **Saturday, June 24th** from noon 'til 2 p.m., on the lawn at the American Legion. Proceeds will go to Peaks Island Tax Assistance. There are three ways to participate:

- Donate your items and we will pick them up, sell them, and give the proceeds to PITA;
- Rent a table on the lawn, sell your own items, and the rental cost will go to PITA;
- Have big items to consign? Consignment space is available with a portion of sales donated to PITA.

For information or to schedule a pickup, call Dave at 766-0967.

STAR OF THE SEA STUDIO'S

Sunday June 4th is our Spring Show "Those Fabulous Years" a program of years past of our/your favorite songs and dances at the Greenwood Gardens Playhouse (courtesy of the Peaks Island Lions Club), we appreciate their support. Show time 3:15. Tickets: adults \$2.00 child \$1.00. Riverton Show is **Wednesday June 7th @ 6:45**. All proceeds to benefit The Maine Children's Cancer Programs and the St. Jude Children's Hospital. We hope for a good turn out and sincerely appreciate your support.

Our boutique is open everyday except Wednesday from 10:00-3:30. Come in to see our hand knits, dolls, jewelry spiritual needs and our New Natural Bakery & Gluten-Wheat Free Food Items.

Musically yours,
Dorren & Co.

Peaks Island Fund

The Peaks Island Fund is currently providing grants to island non-profits on a relatively small, but growing, basis. In 2006, these grants will total somewhere between \$10-15,000. That indicates that we have a source of funds of approximately \$200-300,000 from which to draw those annual gifts. With the continuing support of generous islanders, we can grow that fund to \$5,000,000 or more in the next ten years, an endowment that will generate \$200-250,000 per year for responding to the island's needs.

Other communities have done it. Other coastal islands are doing it and Peaks should lead rather than follow the effort. Look at what you are worth and what Peaks is worth to you. Plan to give now or through estate gifts. Any person can give almost any asset, for any charitable purpose through the PIF.

The Peaks Island Fund is now accepting applications for its 2006 grant cycle. Please provide a one page explanation of the purpose for your grant, your organization's mission statement, the list of board members, and a copy of the annual budget. Applications and any questions should be presented to any PIF committee member (Reta Morrill, Nancy Flynn, Brenda Buchanon, Perry Sutherland, Jim Lausier, Michelle Thresher, or Bill Zimmerman) by July 15.

The Peaks Island Fund connects people who care with causes that matter.

Peaks Island Tax Assistance Committee

As the beautiful weather arrives, Peaks Island Tax Assistance will be gearing up for another fundraising season. During March, Peaks Island Tax Assistance was able to assist a number of homeowners on Peaks with their property taxes thanks to the generosity of so many islanders and non-Islanders alike. The fundraising we have done has proven to be worthwhile with a very satisfactory outcome. We hope to continue over the summer months so that we will be prepared to assist islanders once the new increased tax bills come out.

Please come to see us at our table during PeaksFest. We will have information available for you. We will be looking to seeing our friends and neighbors and to meet newcomers to the island.

Cynthia Pedlikin 766-0067
Peaks Island Tax Assistance Chairperson

ARTISTS NEEDED FOR THE PeaksFest CHAIR AUCTION!

Peaks Island School will once again hold their annual "Chair Auction" for this year's PeaksFest! We're inviting all island artisans, once again, to transform one of our old wooden school chairs from dull wood to something spectacular for this year's silent auction. Please call the school (766-2528) to make arrangements to pick up a chair or to have it delivered ASAP (as soon as artistically possible)! All proceeds will go to the Peaks Island School Arts Fund. Many thanks for your creativity and support!

THE CITY PAGE

Thomas Fortier, Islands/Neighborhood Administrator
Tel. 756-8288 e-mail: TAF@portlandmaine.gov

In general, I think we all need to be commended for being able to discuss the issue of secession this past year. We have been cordial, respectful, and have researched the issue with more fact than emotion. The rising property values have made property taxes oppressive for many island residents. I am especially sympathetic of the elder and working class families that call Peaks Island their home. I am hopeful that the circuit breaker program, increased homestead exemptions, and changes at the State and local level will provide sufficient relief.

Secession however only obfuscates the real issue at hand. We all need to continue to work toward solutions. That same effort that has brought us this wonderfully diverse and close knit community. Peaks Island is now a desirable address to those from "away." I am sure that you would agree that we would all love to share our community with others, but do not want it to change the "island character."

Secession will not address this issue. Let's continue to stay ahead of the curve (like being the first neighborhood in Portland to submit a comprehensive neighborhood plan) and continue to strive for answers to maintaining diverse and affordable housing options. Let's continue to convert gravel pits to open space parks and preserve acres of land for conservation. Let's continue to identify needs that assist our elderly with aging in place (Fay Garman Senior Housing Facility) while educating our youth (Peaks Island Elementary School). Let us continue to identify our needs as we did when a public bathroom was installed for day trippers, allowing them to peruse the business community.

Let's not undermine the broader community while advancing the needs of the smaller unit. Let us not channel our discontent into a secession movement. Let's channel it into something more constructive...SOLUTIONS.

STAR Subscribers

Reminder to those who have the STAR mailed each month. This is the last issue you will receive, as we do not mail during July and August.

If you would like the STAR mailed to you beginning in September 2006, please drop off or send to the library, your name, address and \$7.00 to cover the cost of postage.

Peaks Island STAR
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FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM

P.O. Box 41

Peaks Island, Maine 04108

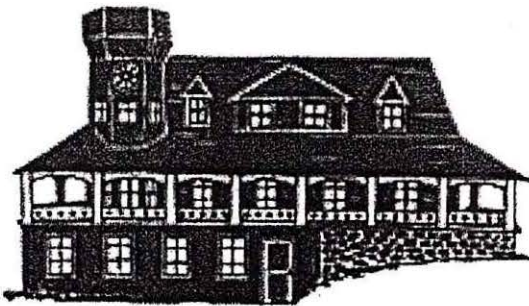
(207) 766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

Civil War Day at the Fifth Maine

Comrades from the Third Maine Infantry and the Third Maine Fife & Drum will be on hand on **Saturday June 17** to celebrate the return of the Fifth Maine's original battleflag. After several months of treatment by a textile conservateur, the flag, which was presented to the regiment in 1861 as it journeyed to Washington, D.C., is safely back at "Headquarters" on Peaks Island. Activities will begin at **10:30 am and continue until 4 pm**. There will be music, demonstrations of military drill, a presentation on 1860s medical practices, a talk titled *Down in Dixie* by Fifth Maine Adjutant George W. Bicknell, and the opening of a new exhibit, *Sacred at any Cost* that features the preserved flag as its centerpiece. Details will be posted around the island.

Our first **Pancake Breakfast** of the season will be on **Sunday June 25 from 8-11 am**. Bring the family for a hearty breakfast before partaking of the day's PeaksFest activities. Pancakes will be accompanied by Canadian bacon, eggs, fruit, juice and coffee. Cost is still just \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.

Museum hours during June will be Saturday and Sunday from 11 am – 5 pm or by appointment.



THE EIGHTH MAINE REGIMENT

A Living Museum and Lodge right around the corner from the Fifth Maine

766-2377 www.8thmaine.com

Our 115th season is underway. The association's 134th annual meeting and reunion will be held on June 23rd & 24th. Tours will be somewhat modified until mid-June due to work on our collections made possible by grants. Civil War Day on June 17th will feature guided tours from 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and a lively lecture on the Eighth Maine's history and the World War II days presented by our colorful host, Dick Adams, who's first stay here was in 1928. Our recently formed Friends of the Eighth Maine group was started at the request of numerous people wishing to preserve for the public life and camaraderie largely as it was for our veterans. We appreciate the growing support by islanders, our summer guests and museum visitors and others who cherish its uniqueness,

Other events include a Porch Sale of used items and sea glass jewelry on July 8th & 9th from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., our resident artists' Show & Sale on July 29th from 4:30 – 7:00 P.M., and a great concert and dance with Ronda Dale & Friends on September 2nd from 8:00 – 10:00 P.M.

SENIOR NEWS

The community center, at the Harry & Jannette Weinberg, was well attended with seniors on the May 8th pot luck luncheon.

Nancy 3 and Rhonda Dale entertained the seniors before and during the luncheon with great oldies. Thank you Nancy and Rhonda for coming and lifting our spirits.

After a brief business meeting, George Rosol and Robert Stek spoke to the seniors on pro secession. A few seniors let it be known that they were happy with the status quo.

The next pot luck luncheon will be held on Monday June 12th at 12 noon at the senior center on Central Ave.

Plan on attending, you'll be glad you did.

**PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
NANCY WRIGHT, FNP
85 Central Ave. PO Box 52
Phone 766-2929**

Open - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8am to 12:30pm.
Call ahead for an appointment.

For **acute illness outside** office hours, page Nancy at **741-1371** or Dr. Martin's on call provider at **892-7055**. **Dr. Martin** will be at the health center monthly. His next visit is on **Friday, June 2**.

Dental Care: Jeanne Ashmore, a dental hygienist in Portland, will be working for **Community Dental** on the island **providing dental care and assessments** one Friday each month. She will begin seeing people in June. For an **appointment** and more information, **call PJ at Community Dental 874-1025 x 3017**.

Podiatry Care: Dr. Dorsey will be on the island on **THURSDAY** (note the change in day) **July 19 at 1PM**. Call Foot & Ankle at **761-3889** for an appointment.

We have become aware of **billing problems**. If you have questions or concerns about bills you have received from Laboratory Billing Services, **please let us know**. We will be making changes in the near future which shouldn't affect our regular patients. We now request **direct payment from visitors and acutely ill new patients** and will provide them with information needed for their insurance coverage. We also now ask all patients to pay **insurance co-payments** when they are seen.

A warm welcome to people new to the island and visitors, Call us for information, to make an appointment for health care services, or to meet Nancy, our Family Nurse Practitioner.

VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

The volunteer island taxi service is available for all islanders. If you need a ride anywhere on the island, please call the volunteer listed for the day you need a lift. The drivers may not be at home when you call. Most have answering machines, however, so you can leave a message. We do the best we can! The usual hours are Monday through Friday daytime hours (excluding major holidays). **Please call the day before if at all possible!**

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Thur. 6/1	Claire Dahl	2630	Mon. 6/19	Dick Swarts	2608
Fri. 6/2	Monica Stevenson	2010	Tue. 6/20	Jackie Clifford	0022
Mon. 6/5	Jeanne Hayman	2742	Wed. 6/21	Ruth Williamson	5825
Tue. 6/6	Lois Tiedeken 2006 (or 232-7108)		Thur. 6/22	Bob & Clare Cary	5548
Wed. 6/7	Jamie & Marty Braun	9726	Fri. 6/23	Bill Zimmerman	0061
Thur. 6/8	Mary Voyer	2523	Mon. 6/26	Stephanie Castle	2254
Fri. 6/9	Peg Astarita	5997	Tue. 6/27	The Elofsons	5192
Mon. 6/12	Howard Pedlikin	0067	Wed. 6/28	Marcie Appel	5071
Tue. 6/13	Chris Hoppin	2593	Thur. 6/29	Toni Muro	2639
Wed. 6/14	Dan Murphy	5849	Fri. 6/30	Betsy Stout	5620
Thurs. 6/15	Judy Piawlock	2109	Mon. 7/3	Jackie Clifford	0022
Fri. 6/16	Larry Blake	2360			

To serve as a volunteer, please call Cevia Rosol at 0059 or Nancy Hall at 2514. We can always use more drivers, and it's a great way to give something to the island!

Get well wishes to our volunteer drivers John Feeney and Mere Roberts! And welcome back, snowbirds!

Peaks Patrol

If you listen carefully you can almost hear the island's seams starting to expand. Our summer families are returning bringing with them more vehicles and pedestrian traffic. As some of you now know we are stepping up enforcement of parking and motor vehicle laws, especially around the staging area for the ferry, and in front of the café to around the corner. The Portland Police Traffic Division will be coming to the Island in the near future to run enforcement details. They are first looking for voluntary compliance from everyone. Their focus will be abandoned, unregistered and uninsured vehicles. The violation for the registration is Title 29A sec 351 \$70.00, this is a civil fine.

The Peaks Island Police have made another cocaine/marijuana arrest thanks for the information. Please help us protect your families we cannot do it alone!

You may have heard that we have a very special birthday coming up! Veronica Foster will be 100 years young. June 11th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm she has invited all to visit her at her home for a birthday celebration.

Be nice to each other.

Officer Dan Rose
danielr@portlandmaime.gov

PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB NEWS

Peaks Island Lions Club has roared back to life for the 2006 season. New and exciting improvements to the venerable Music Hall are underway. These include a new roof, insulation and bead-boarding of the internal walls, and addition of large picture windows to let in more light and to enhance the spectacular view of the harbor.

The financial success of the 2005 Lions season was reflected in the granting of \$25,000 in college-level scholarships to 25 Peaks Island students. To maintain this level of service, new members are essential to the ongoing vitality of the club. Joining is easy and free for the first year. Call Fred Goguen at 766-5742 if interested.

The "world-famous" Lions Club breakfast is being offered the weekend of Peaks Fest--Sunday, June 25th from 8 to 11, rain or shine, followed by the Common Hound Fair at 3 p.m. on the club grounds. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee, all for \$5 for adults and \$3 for a child's portion. The dog show is free. Everyone is welcome.

T.E.I.A News

Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association

Looking for a boat mooring? Or a chance to work on your tennis game? Maybe you're just looking for a place where your whole family can be active this summer. TEIA is that place!!!

The summer season starts off on **June 24th at 5:30 p.m.** with a **Family Cookout** hosted by Frank and Beth Childs and family. This is followed by our very popular week-long **Sailing Camp for kids, June 26th -30th**. It's a week where veteran sailors can brush up on their skills, while novices get a feel for the sport. Also, Mark your calendars to attend the season-opening **Porch Gathering, Friday, June 30th 6-8 p.m.**

Some of the events planned for the summer season... **Color of Peaks Art Show, Schooner Fair, Pancake Breakfast, Wine and Cheese Gathering, Jenny Woodman and her Band, Codfish Ball, Senior Luncheon, a Tuesday evening series of educational lectures funded by Friends of TEIA, Croquet Tournament, Ladies' Night Progressive Dinner, Annual Fair.....** come check out these and many other activities.

Junior Night starts June 30th at 8:30 p.m.

All other kids programs will begin Wednesday, July 5th.

For more information about any of these offerings or for information about membership, go to www.teiaclub.org; or contact Jan Dinan 766-2381, or Mary Sora, 766-5772.



PEAKS ISLAND VOA ELDERLY HOUSING/SENIOR CENTER
at the
Fay Garman House
89 Central Avenue Peaks Island, ME 04108
Tel: 766-2173 Fax: 766-2097

The Peaks Island VOA Elderly Housing/Senior Center would like to announce our recent collaboration with the Children's Workshop on Herman Avenue. They are now our official designated temporary shelter in the unlikely event of an emergency evacuation of the Fay Garman House. Thank you to John Keslo and the rest of the Children's Workshop Board and Staff for being such good neighbors.

TO ACCESS THE SENIOR CENTER for an event or your community group please contact us at **766-2173** to reserve the space. Appletree Answering Service provides 24-hour messaging services. Non emergency calls are generally returned within 48-hours/two business days.

ISLAND INDEPENDENCE NEWS

The Island Independence Committee continues meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in our meetings. Minutes and other information is available at the Library. **Peaks Islanders vote on their independence on June 13th** (the City Council decided not to let Portlanders vote on the issue). A yes vote at this advisory referendum will allow continued examination of issues, negotiation of separation terms with Portland, and preparation of legislation. We need to continue this process because the city has not shared all the information needed so that Peaks citizens can make a rational and reasoned decision, and a "yes" vote will compel the city to share vital information with us prior to drafting a legislative bill. After the Maine Legislature passes our bill, including the important provision for a final binding referendum, we will get the opportunity to vote on the final legislative bill, after thoroughly reviewing its financial impact on the island.

The IIC has queried many insurance companies and determined that secession will not increase homeowners' insurance. Our research has shown that it also will not increase Portland's property taxes, but it will lower islanders' property taxes, especially in the long-term, and it will give islanders direct control of spending decisions in their community, just like the other islands and towns in Maine. The IIC believes that Portland schools will take Peaks students (and Peaks tuition payments); if not, other area schools will, giving island parents and kids excellent educational options. The IIC also has discovered a variety of reasonable options for handling the costs of sewage treatment on the island, without the fee increase threatened by the city.

The IIC Finance Committee presented a proposed estimated town expenses at the IIC Forum/Fair on May 20th, which showed that we can provide full services for a reasonable cost. We thank all who attended and courteously discussed vital issues of concern. IIC Fundraising has E-bay sales of many interesting items, Town Seal T-shirts are being sold at the Peaks Café, and buttons are free! Call Howard at 0067, or any other IIC member, if you have any questions.

Peaks Island Children's Workshop
71 Herman Ave. 766-2854



COME JOIN THE FUN

In conjunction with the PI Elementary School, PICW will host Portland's newly formed playback theater company. "What's Your Story"? They will present "Trials and Triumphs", a powerful improvisational theater event for the whole community. Everyone has a humorous, uplifting or heartbreaking story about caring for or being a child. Come tell your story and see it reenacted by this talented group. Bring a story you'd like to share or just come to enjoy.

WHAT: Trials and Triumphs FREE childcare provided
WHEN: June 8 7PM (It should last approximately an hour and a half.)
WHERE: Peaks Island Elementary School
FMI: 766-2854

A huge thanks goes out to the 8 volunteers who came out to our center on the United Way, Day of Caring, May 18th. The rain held off so we could get lots of yard work done and everything looks great! This past week was the annual Foster Grandparent Banquet at the Holiday Inn by the Sea to honor the many wonderful grandparents who help out each day. We are very lucky to have Virginia Horne as our foster grandparent at PICW. The preschool group took a field trip to Lausier Family Gardens to plant seeds. Now we are all looking forward to warm weather, outdoor planting and sandy beaches!

PeaksFest: 2006

PICW will again host a fun children's activity at our center on Saturday of Peaksfest, as well as a bake sale down front. More information to follow.....

- Community Food Pantry is open to the public M-F, 7am-6pm.
- **Don't forget, the Parent/Toddler community playgroup (10:15-11am) will be ending for summer break on Friday, June 9th. We hope to see you over the next couple weeks and if not, we'll see you in the fall!**
- Get your Rover registration in as soon as possible to help us plan. Remember, if your child is enrolled here at PICW for daycare that is the price you pay for Rovers – there is no additional cost. We hope to hear from you soon.

An Opportunity to Support the Library

Every year the Portland Public Library conducts an Annual Fund Campaign to provide money for purchasing library materials: books, audiobooks, magazine subscriptions, movies on DVD, music CDs, etc. Some of these materials live permanently at the Peaks Island Branch Library; all of these materials are available to you. **Your taxes provide most of the operating budget for the library, but the materials budget is supplied by private donations.**

I mention this now because the fiscal year ends June 30, 2006, and donations need to gather speed if the library is to meet its goal of \$120,000. If you normally give to the library and haven't yet, we hope you will consider a gift before June 30. If you have not given to the library because you did not know of the need or you thought it did not affect the Peaks Island Branch, please consider joining those who provide the materials we all enjoy.

As an added bonus, if you donate \$50 or more before June 30, you will receive a coupon for a 20% discount at Skillins Greenhouses or Snell Family Farm.

To make a donation, you may mail it to: Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland, ME 04101; drop it off at the branch or the main library; or call 871-1700 ext. 759 and make a credit card donation (Visa and MasterCard are accepted). Thank you for your support!

CALLING ALL READERS AND BOOK LOVERS

The *Friends of Peaks Island Library* is having its annual **BOOK SALE** on Saturday, July 22, from 9am to 3pm.

For now, please save the gently read books you no longer need or want until Friday, July 21, when you can bring them to the Community Room, between 9am and 4pm. You could even help us sort if you've got the time.

If you would like to help, setting up on Friday, July 21 and/or at the sale on Saturday, July 22, there will be a sign-up sheet in the library. Or please contact Judith at 899-9096, for more information. Thanks and we'll see you there!

Peaks Island Land Preserve

The Peaks Island Land Preserve would like to say thank-you to the volunteer land stewards who take such great care of the PILP properties! Many thanks to you all for your hard work throughout the year!

Pat Kelly, Norm Rasulis, Rita Kissen	
Fred & Margaret Bragdon.....	Parker Wildlife Preserve
Garry Fox.....	Battery Steele
Bob Villforth.....	Ballfield Woods
John Whitman & Michele Tranes.....	Elizabeth St.
Michele Tranes.....	Reservoir Road
Rusty Foster.....	Sargent Road
Suellen Roberts.....	Seashore Ave.
Diane Kenty, Diana Moxhay.....	Oceanside Parcel

For more information about the Peaks Island Land Preserve, and to learn about how you can get involved, please visit our website, www.preservepeaks.org.

Peaks Island Transportation Survey

As an outgrowth of "Peaks: Today and Tomorrow," the Peaks Island Transportation Committee has been meeting to try to solve transportation and parking problems on the island. As we move forward we would like to ask islanders how they feel about transportation issues. We have drawn up a short survey for Islanders. The survey can be found at Hannigans, The Peaks Island Cafe, and the Library. There will be an envelope at the library for completed surveys.

The Committee wants to meet the needs of Islanders. We hope everyone will finish a survey so we can move forward understanding what Islanders want and need.

Cynthia Pedlikin and Chris Hoppin for the Transportation Committee

June at the Peaks Island Branch Library
in the Community Building 766-5540 www.portlandlibrary.com
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

Welcome Back: It's great to see everyone returning after the winter. We ask once again that everyone make a renewed effort to have your library cards with you when you know you will be coming to the library or when you call from home to renew or request a book. The card enable us to help you better.

Adult Book Discussion: Gouldsboro author Cynthia Thayer will lead a discussion of her newest book, *A Brief Lunacy*, in the Community Room on Tuesday, June 6, at 7 PM. This program is part of the First Tuesdays book discussion, sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library. All are welcome.

For the July discussion, which will be on the second Tuesday, July 11, at TEIA, the book will be *Beloved Island: Franklin and Eleanor and the Legacy of Campobello* by Jonas Klein. The book was chosen to augment your enjoyment of the program at the Fifth Maine on July 26, when Elena Dodd will portray Eleanor Roosevelt. Copies of the book are available through the library.

If you have questions or want to reserve copies of the books, call during library hours or e-mail: peaks@portland.lib.me.us anytime.

Summer Reading Sign-up begins at the Peaks Island Branch on Tuesday, June 13. This year's theme is "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales," and each week there will be a surprise related to the theme for those Summer Readers who come to the library.

On Tuesday, June 20, Mrs. Crowley Rockwell will begin her evening **Story and Craft Program**, geared toward 5-8 year-olds. The program begins at 7 PM, and she asks that you arrive promptly. The programs will reflect the Summer Reading theme, but you do not have to be a Summer Reader to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Weekly Daytime Children's Programs Continue Through June: Nursery Rhyme Time: for infants and toddlers, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 am **PreSchool Story Time:** for 3-5 year-olds, Fridays at 10:15. These programs will end June 30 and resume in September.

New on the Shelves

Fiction: *Heart of the World* by **Linda Barnes**; *Edge of Battle* by Dale Brown; *The Hard Way* by **Lee Child**; *Promise Me* by **Harlan Coben**; *At Risk* by **Patricia Cornwell**; *Hey, Good Looking* by **Fern Michaels**; *Beach Road* by **James Patterson**; *Vanished* by **Karen Robards**; *Miss Julia Stands Her Ground* by **Ann Ross**.

NonFiction: *Scattered Minds* by **Lenard Adler**; *The Mighty and the Almighty* by **Madeleine Albright**; *Let Me Finish* by **Roger Angell**; *A Death in Belmont* by **Sebastian Junger**; *Miracle in the Andes* by **Nando Parrado**; *Writing to Change the World* by **Mary Pipher**.

On DVD: *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *Brokeback Mountain*, *Crash*, *Millions*, *Goodnight and Good Luck*.

Maine Student Book Award '06-'07 Books are arriving and available on the white bookshelf at the back of the library. The Maine Student Book Award is designed to expand literary horizons of students in grades 4-8 by encouraging them to read, evaluate, and enjoy a selection of new books and to choose by written ballot, a statewide favorite. This year's winner is *The End of the Beginning Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an even Smaller Ant)* by Avi. Come in and check it out! Many adults enjoy these terrific books. They are not just for kids.

Ronda, of Ronda and the Reelers fame, will sing and tell stories at the library as part of **PeaksFest, Saturday, June 24, at 10 AM**. Adults and children are invited to listen and sing along. You can even get a library card if you don't already have one, and take a look at the works by Peaks Island Authors and Illustrators on their special shelf.

CLEAN ENERGY FORUM - Thursday, June 29, 7 pm -

Community Center

Sponsored by PEAT (Peaks Environment Action Team)

Presenters include (1) Erika Morgan of Maine Energy Investment and Downeast Solar Co-op who will explain the Governor's "carbon challenge" for communities and related issues of tax benefits and rebates for solar technologies, wind energy, etc.

(2) Peaks resident Jennifer Andersen will discuss the energy program of the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM)

(3) Peaks resident Albert Presgraves will discuss passive and solar houses and Peak's history of alternative energy projects.

The goal is to encourage support for a Sustainable Peaks Island.



Musical Notes

Renaissance Voices will present their spring concert, "Sweet Lovers Love the Spring!", at the **Fifth Maine, Sunday, June 4, at 6:15 p.m.** The 18-voice *a capella* ensemble will perform "Three Shakespeare Songs," a new composition by Director Harold Stover, as well as other musical poems of love and nature by English, Italian, and French composers. The group has performed at the Fifth Maine for the past seven years. Among the singers are Peaks Islanders George and Cevia Rosol. Admission is \$8, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Fifth Maine, and admission is free with a valid student ID. For further information, call 766-0059 or visit our web site at www.RenaissanceVoices.org and click the link to Christopher Hyde's review of the concert in the Portland Press Herald.

The **Peaks Island Music Association** is planning an exciting summer of musical events. Save the following dates for PIMA's Wednesday evening concert series at the **Fifth Maine: July 5, July 19, August 2, and August 16.**

The August 16th concert will be a performance by the **Peaks Island Chorale**. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Faith York at 766-5763. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00. All singers are welcome.

Also be sure to circle the following dates, as we have some special musical events in store for Peaks Islanders:

- **July 25**-the 65-voice Maryland State Boy Choir;
- **July 29**-Avner the Eccentric in a special benefit performance;
- **Early August**-George Lopez, internationally acclaimed pianist returns.

Saturday Night Movies in June

All movies are free and shown in the Community Room. An adult should accompany children.

June	6 PM	June	8 PM
3	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> (2004) 75 min	3	<i>Singing in the Rain</i> (1952) G, 85 min
10	<i>Charlotte's Web</i> (1972) G, 94 min	10	No 8 PM Movie – Need Projectionist
17	<i>Hoodwinked</i> (2005) PG, 81 min	17	<i>Mystery Train</i> (1989) R, 110 min
24	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i> (1974) G, 90 min	24	<i>World's Fastest Indian</i> (2005) PG-13, 127 min

Thank you to **Pam Clay-Storm** who has volunteered to show the 6 PM movie the second Saturday of each month. She replaces the irreplaceable **Susan Hanley**, who has been a projectionist for longer than we can remember. Susan has also been the Selector for the children's movies. **Mike Sylvester** will take on that role. The Saturday Night Movies are a program of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library. Michael Sylvester is the coordinator and would welcome more volunteers to show the movies as well as suggestions of what movies you would like to see. Phone him (5758) with your ideas or your willingness to help.

STAR Notes

Thank you to an anonymous donor for a generous contribution toward the printing costs of this month's STAR.

DEADLINE for next month's STAR is Sunday, June 25. Please bring items to the library by 6 PM. You may put them in the Book Return if you come when the library is closed. We ask you to keep the length of your submissions to a half page. Thank you.

PINA NEWS

NEXT PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
(Including Casco Bay Island Transit District Annual Report)
Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 PM at the Community Center

At the MAY GENERAL MEETING of PINA Mayor James Cohen, City Councillors Jim Cloutier, Will Gorham, Ed Suslovic and Nick Mavadones, and Island/Neighborhood Administrator Tom Fortier discussed City of Portland activities affecting Peaks and ideas for addressing island concerns being raised by proponents of secession.

Mayor Cohen referred to the City staff document presented at the March 26 public meeting stating the City's understanding of financial questions related to the possible secession, and to the workplan created at the workshop held by the City on April 21 to discuss the City's positions on Islanders' concerns. He urged attendance at another workshop to be held on May 22 at which the City would discuss broad issues. Possible City actions he listed were:

Taxation: Lobbying the State to diversify the tax base to reduce dependence on the property tax and to create a "Pinetree Zone" to allow Portland to forgive some State taxes. Also possible establishment of a low-interest loan program to assist those who need help with property taxes.

Governmental Structure: Establishment of an Island Council and/or an Island delegate on the City Council.

Transportation: Modifying rules to make a Peaks Island taxi feasible. Improving bus routes in cooperation with mayors of other communities. Insuring future mainland parking for islanders.

Affordable Housing: Zoning changes specifically for Peaks; perhaps an Island Planning Board.

Tom Fortier, who was described by Mayor Cohen as the point person on the issues above, reported that a working group of residents is developing, with City staff assistance, a plan to improve traffic flow on Welch Street. There will be public input before any plan is implemented.

A general discussion of the Island culture in relation to that of the City followed, along with public suggestions for improving service to Islanders, including, of course, secession.

PINA DOES NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE SECESSION FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND. It sees this issue as of vital importance for Peaks Islanders and is providing a forum in which all positions on the question may be presented.

There are now three levels of PINA membership, basic member for two dollars, friend of PINA for five dollars, and PINA patron for ten dollars. We invite you to visit the new PINA WEBSITE, www.PinaInfo.org, a source of information about past, present, and future activities of PINA as well as other island activities.

The Steering Committee will have its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 P.M. at the Community Center. Although it is not a meeting of the general PINA membership, anyone interested may attend.

JUNE ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve space and equipment in the Community Building, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time for the City of Portland. Phone messages are checked on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please check Denise's bulletin board for the calendar indicating when she's on the island.

** ISLAND HAPPENINGS **

Thanks to everyone who made the "March into May" Program a success. We had a great time getting into shape and having fun too! Check out the photos on the bulletin board outside the Com. Rm. to see some of the activities we had.

Now it's time to plan for the annual "JUMP and PUMP for YOUR GOOD HEALTH". Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 6 at Greenwood Gardens from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Remember, American Red Cross states you can donate blood every 56 days. Why not donate right here on the island? This year we are adding a "Shake and Make a Treat for Me" for the American Heart Association's jump-a-thon. Come and find out what that means! Volunteers are needed!! Please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970 to help out.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS: MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS

Walking Program – all levels of walkers welcome!

8:15 am - Meet at PI Community Center

Low-Impact Exercise Program

9:30 – 10:30 am at PI Community Center

Stretch, use weights (provided), do low impact aerobics and relax too! Emphasis is on doing what is comfortable for you.

Please leave a message for Denise (766-2970) regarding availability

FREE AFTERNOON at the MOVIES – "TRAIL OF THE PINK PANTHER" (96 minutes)

Thursday, June 29

1:00 pm – PI Community Center

Detective Clouseau is missing – and so is the Pink Panther diamond! You will also see the cartoon short "Pink of the Cob".

This film is rated PG – children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

** OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS **

Pre-registration required. Phone registrations begin on Thursday, June 8.

Please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970. Cost includes transportation fee. Minimum for each trip is 8.

ARUNDEL BARN PLAYHOUSE MUSICAL THEATER: *I LOVE A PLANO*

Enjoy an afternoon of unforgettable music in this salute to Irving Berlin. See Denise's bulletin board for more details. This program is co-sponsored with Falmouth Community Programs. Seats are limited, please register/pay by Thursday, June 8.

Wednesday, June 14

12:45 pm boat/5:35 pm return

Fee: \$23 for play and transportation

Deadline to register and pay: Thursday, June 8

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM – SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday, June 20

7:15 am boat/7:15 pm return

Cost: \$57 for motorcoach transportation and 2 guided tours (lunch on own). PAYMENT DUE: June 5

FREEPORT SHOPPING TRIP (and late lunch if you wish)

Enjoy an afternoon of shopping or browsing – hopefully we will be there before the crowds come!

Monday, June 26

12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return

RELIVING THE "GOOD OLD DAYS": TROLLEYS, BANDSTANDS, CASINOS, AND MORE!

Portland Parks and Recreation and the Friends of Riverton Trolley Park will be celebrating the 110th anniversary of the grand opening of the Park. Events include a slide show, memorabilia sharing and a guided historic walk. Sorry, we are not able to provide transportation. Please check out the Parks and Recreation brochure that was sent to your home (pages 33-34)

Monday, June 19

Slide show at the Wilde Chapel, Evergreen Cemetery

2:00 – 4:00 pm

FREE!

Thursday, June 22

Memorabilia Sharing at Riverton Community School

2:00 – 4:00 pm

FREE!

Thursday, June 22

Guided historic walk at Riverton Trolley Park (1 hr.)

5:00 pm or 5:30 pm

\$1 pp